

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 and 12-30 were pending in the application. Claims 19, 20, and 29 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to pursuing the cancelled claims in this or other continuing applications. Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 23-25 are withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18, 24, and 25 have been amended. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-10, 12-18, 23-25, and 30 will be pending and under active consideration. Claims 1, 18, and 25 are independent.

In response to the Office Action entitled "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121" dated November February 10, 2004 (Paper No. 21), Applicants respectfully submit that previously canceled Claim 11 had inadvertently not been included in the section of the Response entitled "Amendment To The Claims". Claims 11 had been previously canceled by way of the Amendment and Reply filed on May 14, 2002. Applicants had also inadvertently not provided the claim status identifier required for each of the pending claims. Accordingly, to be fully responsive under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121(h), Applicants have provided herewith the required entire "Amendments to the Claims" Section of the Response filed on January 23, 2004 (Paper No. 20). This document provides the full set pending Claims, Claims 1-10, 12-18, 23-25, and 30, as well as the previously canceled Claim 11. The document also provides the claim status identifier required for each claim.

Applicants respectfully request entry remarks made herein into the file history of the present invention.

**CONCLUSION**

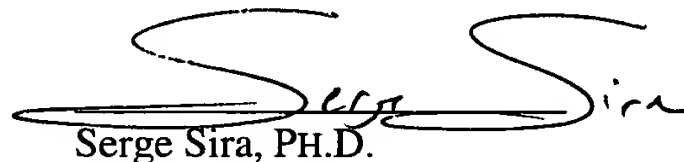
Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-noted Office Action, and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

Applicants believe there is no fee due in connection with this filing. However, to the extent required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees due in connection with this filing to Deposit Account 50-1710 or credit any overpayment to same.

Respectfully submitted,

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